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Anti-Castro Latins Rip Questioning

Questioning of anti-Castro Cubans in connection with the investigation of the Kennedy assassination has aroused a feeling of indignation among members of the New Orleans Cuban community.

Carlos Bringuier, New Orleans delegate of the Cuban Student Directorate, told The States-Item that if "Mr. Garrison discovers that an anti-Castro Cuban was involved in some plot to kill Mr. Kennedy, I will be the first to turn my hand against that man."

BRINGUIER said, however, that if District Attorney Jim Garrison fails to come up with some answers now after a number of Cubans have been questioned, "He has hurt all the Cuban community."

His point was that people will always have some "suspicion about Cubans."

One theory about the plot in question which has appeared in several news stories was that the assassination of President Kennedy was linked with a plot to take the life of Fidel Castro.

A member of Garrison's staff told a New York Times reporter that the conspiracy, hatched by anti-Castro Cubans, revolved around Lee Harvey Oswald as the gunman. When Oswald could not get into Cuba, so the story goes, the plot was then redirected at Kennedy, for his failure to launch a second military action against Cuba after the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

SEVERAL other similar stories about the "plot theory"

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have also revolved around anti-Castro Cubans.

Such stories, Bringuier said, have upset Cubans living in New Orleans, who feel all Cubans here have somehow been indicted.

Bringuier's feelings were echoed in conversations with other New Orleans residents, either Cubans or persons who work closely with Cubans.

Yesterday, Garrison said he has "solved" the assassination plot and that death is the only escape for those he believes are involved.

Garrison claims that his office discovered the answers he was seeking "weeks ago" and that now he and his staff are working to build air-tight cases against the individuals involved.

ALTHOUGH the district attorney says that arrests are "months away," he said yesterday: "The only way they are going to get away from us is to kill themselves."

Garrison said that he would not say they had solved the Kennedy murder unless he had evidence "beyond a shadow of a doubt."

He went on to say: "We know the key individuals, the cities involved and how it was done."

he was training with Ferrie in jungle warfare "to help bring about more democratic government."

The friend's family had contacted Russo in an effort to break "Ferrie's hold on their son."

Ferrie, who was called a central figure in the investigation by Garrison, was found dead Wednesday in his apartment at 3330 Louisiana ave. pkwy.

He died of a ruptured aneurysm, a condition which could have been aggravated by extreme anxiety and a resulting rise in blood pressure.

Suspicion that he committed suicide was not confirmed by anatomical or toxicological tests.

IN VIENNA, Mark Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment," said today he offered the material of his investigation of President Kennedy's assassination to Garrison.

Lane said he made the offer in a telegram to the district attorney two days ago.

The author said he will meet with Garrison when he returns to the United States —in about two to three weeks.

Lane, who is in Vienna to discuss a German translation of his book, said, "Garrison is the first who has seriously tried to find out the truth officially."

YESTERDAY was the first time Garrison used the word solved.

Garrison's investigation into circumstances surrounding President Kennedy's murder was revealed by The States-Item in a story Feb. 17. The paper obtained from public records a list of agents, trips they made and money spent in seeking clues.

In order to keep reporters from checking future trips, Garrison got a $2,500 bank loan 48 hours after the story appeared.

YESTERDAY a group of 50 New Orleans citizens, led by Willard E. Robertson, Joseph M. Rault Jr. and Cecil H. Shilstone, met at the Petroleum Club and pledged $100 each a month at least for three months.

This will allow Garrison to investigate the posibility of a plot without accounting publicly for funds.

A reporter, joking with Garrison, asked, "Are you expecting a contribution from the Central Intelligence Agency?"

GARRISON laughed and replied, "No, but I'm expecting some from the FBI."

Garrison admitted for the first time he had accepted some aid from Life Magazine in developing his case. "But our office initiated the investigation," he said.

He told newsmen on his "word of honor" he will give them the story when arrests are made. "But it may be months away. We want to get jury verdicts, and we are confident we will."

MEANWHILE, a Baton Rouge insurance salesman claimed that David William Ferrie told him about a month before Mr. Kennedy's death, "We will get him and it won't be long."

Perry Raymond Russo, 25, was a student at Loyola University here when he knew Ferrie. He said that the assassination of a president was discussed several times by Ferrie in general conversation.

Russo said on two occasions he saw Ferrie in the company of Spanish-speaking persons dressed in green fatigue uniforms and helmets.

Russo said he met Ferrie through a friend who was a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

THE FRIEND told Russo